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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: TIMOR

REF: A)USUN 1007; B)USUN 1019; C)USUN 995; D)JAKARTA
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1. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR MORE UN MEMBER STATES
ACTING ONBEHALF FRETILIN WILL USE ISSUANCE OF WINSPEARE
REPORT (REF A) AS BASIS FOR CALLING SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING ON TIMOR (REF B). WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM
PORTUGUESE IN NEW YORK, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THEY BELIEVE
TIMOR ISSUE WILL BE BEFORE SC PRIOR TO END OF MONTH. AT
YOUR DISCRETION YOU SHOULD SEEK GOI REACTION TO REPORT AND
ELICIT INDONESIA'S PLANS FOR DEALING WITH IT IN SC. IN
COURSE OF SUCH DISCUSSION, YOU SHOULD EXPLORE WITH
INDONESIANS THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR SEIZING INITIATIVE AND
CALLING FOR MEETING THEMSELVES (DESPITE THEIR LACK OF
PREFERENCE OVER TIMING AS REPORTED REF C) SO THAT SECURITY
COUNCIL MIGHT DISPOSE OF MATTER PRIOR TO APRIL WHEN CHINA'S

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PERMREP WILL BE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

2. IF GOI ITSELF SETS FORTH PLAN FOR 1976 FOR REFERENDUM
ALONG LINES REPORTED REF D, GOI COULD UNDERCUT ITS
OPPONENTS AND AVOID APPEARING TO BE PRESSURED BY SECURITY

COUNCIL WHICH PREDICTABLY WILL CALL ON INDONESIA FOR SUCH
A CONSULTATION OF POPULAR WILL.

3. AS REPORTED IN REF B, SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE SEIZED
DURING PART OF REMAINDER OF MARCH WITH MOZAMBIQUE EFFORT
AND RHODESIAN SANCTIONS. THERE COULD, HOWEVER, STILL BE
TIME IN MARCH FOR CONSIDERATION OF WINSPEARE REPORT IF
INDONESIANS WISHED TO CALL FOR THIS EARLY.

4. FYI: DEPARTMENT HAS ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT REASON FOR
ASKING EMBASSY TO PRESENT FOREGOING CASE URGENTLY TO GOI.
REASON IS THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAS ASKED FOR SC DEBATE ON
ANGOLA AND MAY ALSO WISH TO HAVE IT IN MARCH. IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT GIVEN A LITTLE MORE TIME, SOUTH AFRICANS
WILL NEGOTIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM AREA AROUND CUNENE DAM IN
SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND THIS WILL AVOID A DIFFICULT COUNCIL
MEETING IN WHICH WE WILL NOW BE AT GREAT DISADVANTAGE
TRYING TO GET BALANCED TREATMENT OF CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN
PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. FOR THIS REASON, PREEMPTION OF
SECURITY COUNCIL BY INDONESIA USING LOGICAL PRETEXT OF
WINSPEARE REPORT WOULD AVOID AWKWARD COUNCIL SESSION ON
ANGOLA IN WHICH U.S. COULD CONCEIVABLY BE ISOLATED. END
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